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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Intelligence.

In our opinion there are serious gaps in our Intelligence covering the Soviet Bloc areas, particularly in relation to our ability to determine the capabilities of the Soviet Union to launch nuclear attacks against the U. S. and to detect indications of their intentions to do so. We believe that we could have a substantially improved capability of filling these gaps through the use of aerial reconnaissance and photography, and that today these methods are the most practicable additional means to this end.

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